

### **REMARKS**

In response to the Notice of Non-compliance related to the Amendment A filed on November 5, 2004, the above listing of claims has been amended and is hereby resubmitted.

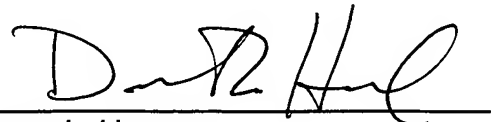
The amendments herein change the claim indication to solely "canceled" and groups the canceled claims. Additionally, the listing of claims has been amended to correctly show that claim 15 has not been cancelled.

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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